

Appln. No.: 10/082,749

Response to Office Action of 12/29/05

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph [01] as follows:

[01] The present application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/522,185, filed March 9, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~co-pending~~ Application No. 09/493,458 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,549,587), filed January 28, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~co-pending~~ Application No. 09/454,219 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,882,711), filed December 9, 1999, priority of each application which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. All these applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full.